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## **BLM Hosts Plant Sale Near Searchlight**

Las Vegas – The Las Vegas Field Office is set to sell thousands of desert plants on January 11 and 12 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. near Searchlight, Nevada.

According to Gayle Marrs-Smith, BLM botanist, the sale is possible due the pending excavation of a gravel pit for the widening of U.S. Highway 95. The plants available for sale are located on the excavation site.

Plants available include Mojave yucca, (1,000+) beavertail (1,000+), hedgehog (100+), barrels (100+), pygmy barrels (100+), cottontops (100s), silver cholla (1,000+), pencil cholla (100+), pincushions (100+) and Joshua trees (100+).

Plants will be paid for on site. Small cacti/yucca less than one foot, beavertail and all cholla are \$5. Larger cacti, yucca and all Joshua tress are \$10. Buyers must dig plants themselves. Permits will be limited to 10 plants per vehicle.

The salvage area is roadless and entirely fenced. Four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended; however vehicles can be parked at the front and buyers can walk in to purchase plants. Heavy equipment will be allowed.

Directional signs will be posted the day of the sale. Attendance is at participant's own risk.

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